

Perkins Subject Of USDA Default Decision

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2004 - On April 14, 2004, USDA issued a default decision against Ronald C. Perkins (Perkins) of Danbury, Neb. Perkins is a market agency buying livestock on commission, and a registered dealer subject to the requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

The default decision was issued after Perkins failed to respond to and answer the allegations in a complaint issued by USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) on August 1, 2003. The failure to answer the complaint constitutes an admission of the allegations.

Perkins has been ordered to stop operating in any capacity where bonding is required under the P&S Act. He has been suspended as a market agency and dealer until he is able to demonstrate that he is in full compliance with the bonding requirements of the P&S Act and regulations. Additionally, Perkins was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,250.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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